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PRESS RELEASE

Attorney General Frosh's Statement on Court Denying President Trump's Attempt to Delay Discovery in Emoluments Lawsuit

BALTIMORE, MD (November 2, 2018) – Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today released the following statement:

"The President's latest attempt to block our emoluments lawsuit has failed once again. We are gratified that the court has denied the President's efforts to keep our case from proceeding to discovery. Today's decision affirms once again that Maryland and the District of Columbia have standing to sue, with the court emphasizing that the President's proposed definition of the term emolument is 'exceedingly strained' and would prohibit only 'what is tantamount to a bribe.' We agree with the court that the President's motion was nothing more than an attempt to delay the ultimate resolution of our lawsuit, a tactic that the court said 'as a matter of justice, cannot be countenanced.'"